

Claims

1. A mobile communication device, comprising:

a body;

5 a display attached to the body and occupying a display region of the mobile communication device; and

a key hinged to the body and pivotable about a pivot axis, the key occupying a key region of the mobile communication device for actuation of the key; wherein

10 the key region resides between the display region and the pivot axis.

2. A mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the part of the key available to a user to actuate is spaced apart radially from the pivot axis.

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3. A mobile communication device according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a resilient biasing member on the side opposing to that of the key in respect to the pivot axis so as to spring back key after actuation by a finger.

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4. A mobile communication device according to any of the preceding claims, comprising a key aligner adapted to align the key at rest to a predetermined rest position.

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5. A mobile communication device according to any of the preceding claims, comprising two hinged keys adjacent to each other.

6. A mobile communication device according to claim 5, wherein the adjacent keys may form a continuous band of keys.

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7. A mobile communication device according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the two keys may form a continuous boundary for the display.

8. A mobile communication device according to any of the preceding claims, comprising a group of hinged keys aligned in a matrix in which the keys form a substantially continuous surface.

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9. A mobile communication device according to claim 8, wherein the mobile communication device is a cellular telephone.

10. A cover for a mobile communication device, comprising:

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a window for providing a visual access to a display of the mobile communication device and occupying a display region of the cover; and

a key hinged to the cover and pivotable about a pivot axis, the key occupying a key region of the cover for actuation of the key; wherein

the key region resides between the display region and the pivot axis.

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A cover according to claim 10, wherein the key region may extend over the window so as to provide a boundary for a display when the cover is attached to a mobile communication device.